Supplementary Questions.

Mr. N. G. Sanjiviah.—

May I know what is meant by the term Other Caste Hindus referred to in Appendix No. III? Cannot the Government mention the names of some of them?

Second Member of Council.—

Those are castes not enumerated in Nos. 1 to 10 in that statement. They are classed together under one head for purposes of convenience.

Mr. Malliah.—

Can some of them not be mentioned?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice of the question.

Mr. Gopalasami Iyer.—

If one Non-Brahmin candidate applies for 20 appointments does not his name come up 20 times in the total number of applications given?

Chief Secretary.—

That question does not arise.

By Messrs. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao, J. Shama Jois and Honniah Heggade (Koppa Taluk); and B. N. Subba Rao (Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The year in which the Representative Assembly first made representations to Government regarding the abolition of the Irrigation Cess as a separate levy as a result of resurvey operations.

(*b*) The subsequent years, up-to-date in which such representations were made.

(*c*) The replies of Government to these representations.

(*d*) The year in which the Government ordered the non-levy of separate Irrigation Cess together with information as to the number of taluks benefited by such orders.

(*e*) The years in which the Assembly passed resolutions demanding its abolition.

(*f*) If the Government have accepted the reasonableness of the popular demand, why have not the Government abolished the cess yet?

(*g*) Is not Government aware that there has been great discontentment among raiyats owing to undue delay in issuing orders abolishing this admittedly unjust cess?

(*h*) When does Government intend to abolish the same?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—14. (*a*) 1914.

(*b*) Representations regarding Irrigation Cess have been made in the Dasara Sessions of the Assembly during the years 1918, 1919, 1921, 1922 and 1924, and in the Birthday Sessions of the Assembly in 1922, 1924 and 1925.

(*c*) The members' attention is invited to the printed proceedings of the sessions referred to above.

(*d*) (1) 1922.

(2) 27 taluks.

(*e*) 1924.

(*f*) Government have not accepted the resolution.

(*g*) Government are aware that there is a good deal of misapprehension in regard to the cess. It is no new levy but has formed a permanent feature of our Land Revenue system since 1868. It is being collected either separately or is merged in the wet assessment since that time. A remission of the cess where it is separately collected would give cause to a justifiable grievance on the part of the people in the taluks where it is merged in the wet assessment.

(*h*) In the interests of the State as a whole, Government do not feel justified in relinquishing a part of land revenue which is being collected for over 55 years.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

With reference to the answer to question 14 (*d*), may I know from what year the Irrigation Cess was made a separate levy, and when it was again merged in the wet assessment?

Revenue Secretary.—

It was made a separate levy in 1868 for the first time. It was merged in the wet assessment in 1874, again it was

separated in 1902 and it was merged thrice and separated also thrice.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

May I know the reason for such frequent change of policy by the Government?

The Revenue Secretary.—

The changes were effected purely for administrative reasons for collection and accounting purposes and had nothing to do with the policy of Government.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Was the opinion of the Head of the Department concerned obtained each time before a change was effected?

Dewan-President.—

It is not possible to give that information.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Are Government aware that in the Dasara Session of this Assembly in 1924 the Member of Government announced (on behalf of the Government) that the question of merging the Irrigation Cess permanently in the Land Assessment was under consideration, and that the resolution then under consideration was taken as passed?

Dewan-President.—

It was, no doubt, passed by the Assembly but it was not accepted by Government. You can, however, make your representations in greater detail when the same subject is discussed again in connection with a resolution tabled before this House in this session.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

One of the points urged in favour of the abolition of the Irrigation Cess was that there was no justification in levying it separately in rain-fed areas and in areas where no irrigation projects are taken up. Is the present levy of the cess not on the rain-fed lands?

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Revenue Secretary.—

It is not possible to say on what lands exactly the cess is levied.

Mr. S. Srikantiah.—

May I know whether the wet assessment was reduced to that extent when the irrigation cess was levied?

Revenue Secretary.—

No. It is because resettlement question will be taken up only once in 30 years, and assessment cannot be reduced during the period.

BY MESSRS. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO, J. SHAMA JOIS and HONNIAH HEGGADE (Koppa Taluk); B. N. SUBBA RAO (Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—15. (*a*) Is the Government aware of Sathyagraha movement of the Kaniyars for securing entry into the temple of Sri Gunja Narasimhaswami in T.-Narsipur?

(*b*) Is Government in touch with the progress of the movement and if so, at what stage is the movement now?

(*c*) Is it a fact that local authorities are hostile to the movement and exercise undue interference with the rights of the people?

(*d*) Will the Government please issue instructions to the local authorities to abstain from such interference?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—15. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Some 80 Kaniyars (who were stopping in the village of Nilsoge) came to T.-Narsipur on the 16th May 1926, and after taking *Mangalarathi* and *Prasada* at the usual place outside the temple, returned to the village Nilsoge doing Bhajana.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) *Vide* answer to (*c*) above.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.—

Have Government received any information about the Police tyranny? Was the flag conveyed by the Kaniyars torn by them?